



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN UPDATE

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Mayor Jackson and (pictured L-R) Council Member Ryan Ireland, Sen. Mark Madsen, Council Member Donna Burnham, and Council Member David Lifferth at the state capitol. (Council Member Eric Cieslak was out of state on business)

This first month as mayor has been exciting and productive. With two city council meetings completed, I am very impressed with our new council members' preparation and their careful consideration of the city's needs.

As of this writing, the city has received three applications for the open city council seat. By the time you receive this, a special city council meeting will have been held on January 31 and an announcement made as to who has been appointed to the council seat.

The business of the city continues to move forward as we have been working on parks plans. We have met with potential landscape designers/engineers to work on getting the master parks plan completed. We have also scheduled a town hall meeting this month to discuss plans for a future skate park. I encourage the youth in our city who are interested in having a skate park to attend and give input. If plans progress, we hope to form a youth advisory committee to help with the design of the park.

Other areas of focus this month include investigating the possibility of getting a recycling program included with our garbage pick-up, at the request of many residents. We will keep you posted and/or conduct a survey to find out your preferences as to recycling. We are also looking forward to our new website launch. We hope you find our new website informative and user-friendly. We are working diligently to improve our communication with you, our citizens, using all forms of media that are available to us.

We have also been communicating with our elected legislators, Senator Madsen and Representative Sumsion. Several of us attended Local Elected Officials' Day at the state capitol last month. We discussed legislation that pertains to our city and encouraged them to either support or oppose things that affect our community.

We had an opportunity to tour the newly refurbished capitol building. If you have not seen it, please take the time to check it out. The building is stunning!

While at the capitol, we also visited with Mayor Johnson of Lehi and his city administrator. We look forward to future meetings with them and other regional leaders as we strive to work together on our transportation issues.

Last month, I talked about scheduling open office hours for citizens to meet with me. These open hours will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 6 PM to 8 PM.

## FUTURE SKATE PARK TOWN HALL MEETING

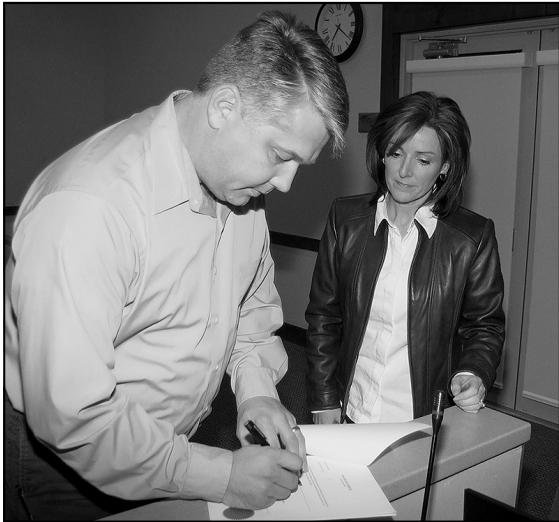
Wednesday, February 13 at 6 PM  
City Council Chambers  
1650 E. Stagecoach Run

The city is seeking feedback from youth, parents, and all community members regarding a proposed skate park.

Refreshments will be served.

See "Mayor's Desk", page 2.





The city's newest member of the planning commission, Craig Larrabee, signs to make it official for Fionnuala Kofoed, city recorder.

**NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONER APPOINTED**

Craig Larrabee has been appointed fill the seat on the planning commission that was vacated by new City Council Member Ryan Ireland.

Larrabee has lived in Eagle Mountain over one year with his wife and seven children. He works as a software developer.

The planning commission makes recommendations to the mayor and city council with regard to planning and community development decisions.

*City Employee  
Spotlight*



Orem-raised Mack Straw has been with the city for 16 months as an inspector in the engineering department.

Mack's responsibilities are to insure that those who are building in the city are putting in underground utilities correctly and meeting the city's specs and standards. He likes that his job allows him to interact with people on a daily basis and be outside.

Prior to working for the city, Mack worked in the excavating business. As he gained experience, he thought he would enjoy working for a city and pursued his current line of work.

Married to Melanie for 10 years, the Straws have three children, ages 5, 3, and 4 months. They have lived in Eagle Mountain for over a year and like the quiet surroundings and lack of traffic in the city.

When he's not on the job, Mack likes hunting (small and big game) and golfing.

**News Notes**

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED**

— Eagle Mountain City is looking for youth in grades 7-12 who want to get involved with city government, make a difference in their community, and have fun!

Our youth council will be involved with city events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Pony Express Days, Halloween Festival, and a Pancake Breakfast, among others.

They will also have the opportunity to attend a training camp and learn how to hold legislative meetings.

Applications for youth council will be accepted starting March 1. You may pick up applications from the reception desk at City Hall.

**Babysitting CPR Class** — The fire department is offering a free babysitting CPR class for anyone ages 11-16 on Wednesday, February 20 at 6 PM at City Hall. A maximum of 20 students may participate. The course is expected to last one to two hours. A sign-up list is available at the library. Please call Captain Jeff Francom at 420-2991 if you have additional questions.

**North Utah County East-West Transportation Study Open House** — On Wednesday, February 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, a public open house will be held at City Hall to gather input from residents on possible solutions for the region's east-west transportation needs.

Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) and the cities of Alpine, Lehi, Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain, American Fork, Highland, Cedar Hills, Pleasant Grove, Cedar Fort, Fairfield, Lindon, Vineyard, and Orem are conducting this study to identify east-west transportation solutions in the northern portion of Utah County, and need your feedback.

**Winter Parking** — Please remember that by city ordinance, parking on city streets during snow periods is prohibited between 4 AM and 4 PM until March 15, 2008. This ordinance is in place to allow efficient road clearance by snow plows and prevent hazards.

## “TRIPLE THREAT” OF BLACK HAWK, LITTLE TEXAS AND RESTLESS HEART TO PERFORM AT PONY EXPRESS DAYS



**LITTLE TEXAS**



**BLACK HAWK**



**RESTLESS HEART**

Country-western artists Black Hawk, Little Texas, and Restless Heart – self-titled as “Triple Threat”, will perform at Eagle Mountain City’s 11th annual Pony Express Days on Saturday, June 7 at 6:30 PM at the SilverLake Amphitheater (7920 N. SilverLake Parkway). A fireworks display will follow the concert.

“Eagle Mountain City has always strived to provide good, family-friendly entertainment at Pony Express Days,” Mayor Heather Jackson said. “We are excited to offer another great concert featuring three very talented and popular groups.”

Black Hawk first became successful in the mid-1990s with several top ten hits including “Goodbye Says It All,” “Every Once in a While,” and “I’m Not Strong Enough to Say No.” The trio of Henry Paul (lead vocals, mandolin), Van Stephenson (guitar, vocals), and Dave Robbins (keyboards, vocals), were the founding members. Stephenson died of cancer in 2001 and the group now features Anthony Crawford as its third member.

The quartet of Duane Propes, Porter Howell, Del Gray, and Dwayne O’Brien comprise Little Texas. The successful group also started in the 1990s and has sold over six million albums with hits such as “What Might Have Been,” “God Blessed Texas,” and “My Love.”

Rounding out the triple bill is Restless Heart. Known for hits like “When She Cries,” “A Tender Lie,” and “Heartbreak Kid,” the group first made regular appearances on the country charts from 1985-1994. The original quintet of Larry Stewart (lead vocals), David Innis (keyboards), Greg Jennings (guitar), John Dittrich (drums), and Paul Gregg (bass) recently reunited after taking a break for several years.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 and are on sale now at City Hall, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, during office hours (Mon.—Thurs. 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM), or at SmithsTix outlets or online at [www.smithstix.com](http://www.smithstix.com). Children ages 2 and under are free. Tickets are expected to sell out, so residents are encouraged to purchase tickets early.

For more information on the bands appearing in the “Triple Threat” concert at Pony Express Days, you may visit their individual websites at [www.blackhawkmusic.us](http://www.blackhawkmusic.us), [www.littletexasonline.com](http://www.littletexasonline.com), and [www.restlessheartband.com](http://www.restlessheartband.com).

Pony Express Days will be June 2—June 7 this year. More information will be announced in future issues of the Update.



Colonel Jeff Burton and SFC Roger Wilcox of the Utah National Guard prepare to present Mayor Jackson with an award of appreciation during the city council meeting January 8.

### NATIONAL GUARD RECOGNIZES CITY'S SUPPORT

The Utah National Guard has awarded Eagle Mountain City with a plaque of appreciation for various projects the city has been involved with in support of our local military personnel.

Colonel Jeff Burton and Eagle Mountain residents and National Guard members Sgt. Robert Hill and SFC Roger Wilcox attended the January 8 city council meeting to make the presentation. Burton said the city stands out in our efforts to acknowledge the service of our military men and women.

Eagle Mountain City offers a \$100 per month utilities discount to families who have a member on active duty.

The city is also a sponsor for the Home for a Hero project which is currently in the process of building a new home for SFC Gordon Ewell, an Eagle Mountain resident who is permanently disabled due to his service in Iraq.

In tribute to all those who serve, the city had a "Military Appreciation Week" last May and collected donations for care packages that were sent to the almost 20 members of our community who were serving in Iraq at that time. There are over 100 members of the National Guard that live in Eagle Mountain and others who serve in different branches of the armed forces.

"The city of Eagle Mountain appreciates all of our military members and we plan to continue supporting them," Mayor Heather Jackson said.

## Eagle Mountain City Spring/Summer Baseball 2008



Baseball registration will continue through Saturday, February 23.

Registration is available in the foyer of the Ranches Professional Building on Saturdays; Feb. 9, 16, and 23 from 1 PM to 3 PM.

You may also register at City Hall or the Public Works Building during working hours.

Registration Forms (please print clearly) are available at:

**City Hall:** 1650 East Stagecoach Run (7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday).

**Public Works Bldg.:** 2545 North Sweetwater Road (8:30 AM to 6:30 PM Monday thru Thursday). (2 miles south of City Hall, next to the Sewer Treatment Plant)

#### Age Groups:

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| 4 years old:       | T-ball ( <i>must turn 4 before April 30, 2007</i> ) |
| 5 & 6 years old:   | Coach Pitch   |
| 7 & 8 years old:   | Machine Pitch                                       |
| 9 & 11 years old:  | Player Pitch  |
| 12 & 14 years old: | Player Pitch  |

#### Fees:

- ◆ Registration for ages 4 thru 8 years old: \$45.00 (This includes hat and jersey)
- ◆ Registration for ages 9 thru 14 years old: \$50.00 (This includes hat and socks)
- ◆ **Check or exact cash accepted only. (\$5.00 discount if three or more register)**  
Make checks payable to "Eagle Mountain City Youth Sports".

Please put name of sport on the form and on the memo-line of your check.

#### Games:

- ◆ Season runs April 19 to June 14.
- ◆ Coaches will set-up practice schedules when teams are created.
- ◆ Tryouts/Coach Draft for 9-14 year olds will be Saturday, March 22 from 2 PM to 4 PM at Nolan Park. All the kids will be placed on a team.
- ◆ If a game is rained-out, it will be rescheduled at the end of the season.

All coaches, assistant coaches and team moms must have a background check yearly. For more information, please call the sports hotline at 789-6694.

# COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD

## Library Nook

**Pre-School Story Time** — Story time for pre-schoolers ages 3 years and up will be held on Wednesdays at 1 PM from February 13 through March 26. Admission is free.

**Summer Reading Volunteers Needed** — The library is looking for help with the 9<sup>th</sup> annual summer reading program. Help is needed with fundraising, planning, reading, and crafts. Also needed are any individuals or businesses interested in donating cash or prizes for the program. If interested, contact the library at 789-6623 and leave a message for Susie.

**Senior Computer Classes** — Computer training for seniors (ages 55+) will be held on Fridays, February 15 and 29 from 10 AM to Noon. Please come to the library, or call 789-6623 to sign up for these free classes.

## SUGGESTION BOX

Are there features or information you would like to see in the Eagle Mountain Update?

Do you know someone who lives in Eagle Mountain whose accomplishments should be shared with the community?

Please email [news@emcity.org](mailto:news@emcity.org) with any suggestions or comments you have.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Fencing Requirements** — As many residents decide to put in fencing after buying a home, following is a reminder of general fencing provisions required by the city related to public safety and utilities:

**12.12.3 Fire Hydrants.** Fire hydrants shall not be fenced into a yard. A three (3) foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of all fire hydrants as required by the International Fire Code, as amended.

**12.12.5 Utility Boxes.** Utility boxes shall not be fenced into a yard. A three (3) foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of all utility boxes.

**12.12.6** Fencing may be installed over a public utility easement, but retaining walls shall not.

**12.12.6 Meters.** Fencing shall not obstruct access to gas and electric meters. If meters are in a fenced area there must be an unlocked entrance to access these meters.

We highly recommend before you begin installing a fence at your home that you call Blue Stakes at 1-800-662-4111 or go online at [www.bluestakes.org](http://www.bluestakes.org), so they can check the area for utility lines before you dig.

For a complete outline of the city's fencing provisions, you may look under the planning department menu on our website at [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com), under "City Development Code, Title 1, Chapter 12."

## SENIOR CORNER

All residents ages 55 and over are invited and encouraged to support our senior council and attend their monthly activities.

**February 25 — Dinner & Movie Night**  
**5 PM at City Hall**  
**1650 E. Stagecoach Run**

Senior activities will be held the last Monday of each month at 5 PM at the city offices, unless otherwise announced. All activities are free of charge.

You may contact Carroll Johnson at 318-1595 with any questions you have about senior activities.



Some of the city's seniors shared their Christmas spirit with a homebound neighbor on December 14.



Photos courtesy Sarah Johnson  
Eagle Valley Elementary students who participated in this year's  
Reflections contest responded to the theme "I Can Make a Difference By..."

### "Reflections" Contest a Success at Two Local Schools

Established in 1969, the "Reflections" program has provided students nationwide with an opportunity to express their creativity. Students in grades Pre-K through 12 are given a theme each year and choose how they'd like to interpret it through the following categories: Photography, 3-D Art, Music, Visual Arts, Literature, Theater, Film/Video, and Dance.

Parent volunteers Sarah Johnson and Karen Tobler oversaw the program for Eagle Valley Elementary and when they noticed that Willowcreek Middle School needed more help for the program to be an option there, they partnered with Tina Skelton to make it happen.

#### Winners from Eagle Valley Elementary are as follows:

Photography-Kennedy Warwood, Nicole Rawlings, Saylee Johnson, Brynn Brockett, Jessica Bennett

3-D Art-Emilee Ercanbrack, Kaisa Burnett, Phillip Harmon, Brett Tobler, Gabriella Marin

Theater-Jessica Bennett

Literature-Marcello Platt, Tiana Naylor,

Music-Nathan Jones; Visual Arts-Kelli Tobler, Blake Burnett, Tayea Amendola, Brynn Brockett, Gabriella Marin

#### Winners from Willowcreek Middle School are:

Photography-Cierra Skelton, Kimberley Tobler

3-D Art-Michelle Turner, Kimberley Tobler, Brianna Loveridge

Music-Abbey Boren, Conner Christensen, Tori Mitchell

Visual Arts-Kimberley Tobler, Mikayla Comeau, Christina Gocken, Amanda Johnson, Abbey Boren

Literature-Abbey Boren, Adia Thornton, Gabriel Lima, Camille Pay, Tyson Raff



Participants of Willow Creek Middle School's Reflections contest.

## SCHOOL CALENDARS

All schools are closed on Feb. 18 for the President's Day holiday.

### Eagle Valley —

- 5-8 Book Fair
- 6-7 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 25-26 Kindergarten Registration
- 28-29 Pre-School Registration
- Mar. 3 No School—Prof. Development
- 5 Spring Pictures

### Harvest —

- 7-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 8 Birthday Table at Lunch
- 11-15 Family Week
- 21 First Grade Reading Date
- Mar. 3 No School—Prof. Development

### Pony Express —

- 6-7 SEP Conferences
- 6-8 Book Fair
- 8 Trading Post
- 19 PTA Gen. Member Mtg., 10 AM
- 25 Moms & Muffins, 6:30 PM

### Ranches Academy —

- 7 School Council Meeting, 7-8 PM
- 11 FSO Meeting, 1:30 PM
- 15-18 President's Day Break
- 29 Dr. Seuss Day

### Willowcreek Middle School —

- 8 Honor Roll Activity
- 14 Spirit Day—Pink Day
- 15 Valentine's Dance 2:30-4 PM
- 21 Parent/Teacher Conference
- 28 ASD Science Fair
- Mar. 3 No School—Prof. Development

### Lehi High School —

- 9 Sweethearts Dance
- 14-19 School Play
- 20 Parent/Teacher Conference
- 23 Softball Dinner & Auction
- 26 Band Concert
- 28 Orchestra Concert
- Mar. 4-7 Student Body Primary Elections

### Rockwell Charter High School —

- 13 Informational Open House, 7:30 PM
  - 21 Board Meeting, 8 PM
- (Both events @ Ranches Academy— for more info, visit [www.rockwellhigh.net](http://www.rockwellhigh.net))

## WESTERN STATES PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, February 5

**All Eagle Mountain residents may  
vote at Pony Express Elementary  
3985 E. Smith Ranch Rd.**

Polls are open 7 AM—8 PM.



If you are registered as an independent, you may affiliate yourself with a party on election day to vote for either a democrat or republican candidate.

## EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY WEBSITE LAUNCH PARTY



Thursday, February 21 at 7 PM  
City Council Chambers

Get a “sneak peek” at our redesigned  
city website before it goes live!

Browse and give us your comments  
while enjoying refreshments and  
music.